

**STATE ROUTE 710 FREEWAY EXTENSION (ROUTE 10 TO ROUTE
210) RECORD OF DECISION**

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This portion of the Route 710 Record of Decision includes comments received by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) on the Final Report of the Route 710 Meridian Variation Enhancement and Mitigation Advisory Committee. The Committee was established to explore and recommend measures to further reduce the impacts of the proposed Meridian Variation Alternative. The Final Environmental Impact Statement for Route 710 identified this alternative as the preferred alternative. However, because of the controversy surrounding the project and the magnitude of impacts relating to potential community disruption, residential relocation, business dislocation, and harm to cultural resources, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) requested the establishment of a committee to advise Caltrans on the development of more comprehensive mitigation and enhancement measures to further reduce the impacts of the project.

The Advisory Committee initially included the four mayoral representatives from the cities of Pasadena, South Pasadena, Los Angeles, and Alhambra plus four citizen representatives, one each from Pasadena, South Pasadena, Los Angeles (El Sereno), and Alhambra; representatives from the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission (now titled the Metropolitan Transportation Authority) and the Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments; a representative from the National Trust for Historic Preservation; one representative from Caltrans and one from FHWA, each serving as ex-officio members on the Advisory Committee. The Committee first convened in September, 1992, and met a total of 13 times, with the final meeting in April, 1993. The Committee's Final Report (June, 1993) was made available for public review from July 9, 1993, to August 9, 1993. A Notice of Availability was published in the *Federal Register* on July 9, 1993.

In addition to comments received on the Advisory Committee's Final Report, this Record of Comments also includes letters received during the time the Committee met, as well as letters received after the close of the comment period up to December 1, 1994.

The comments have been summarized in a matrix that lists the commentor, the comment date, the issue noted in the comment, and (where applicable) a response to the comment. When the comment expressed an opinion about the project (rather than raising an environmental issue), the comment is noted as an opinion with no response required. These opinions will be considered by FHWA and Caltrans in the decision making process. Similarly, many commentors propose additional mitigation measures. As stated on page IV-6 of the Advisory Committee Final Report, Caltrans and FHWA will give full consideration to these proposals prior to approving the Record of Decision (for NEPA).

Each comment is numbered sequentially, with a prefix of "AC-" identifying it as a comment on the Advisory Committee Report followed by a binomial code. The first number in the code classifies the comment into one of the following eight categories: Federal Agencies (1), State Agencies (2), Regional or Local Agencies (3), Private Organizations and Groups (4), Utility Companies/Public Services (5) (note that none have been received as of this time for this category), Corporations/Businesses (6), Other Interested Persons (7), and Public Hearing Comments (8). Within each category, the letters are organized alphabetically. The second set of numbers identifies the sequence in which the comment can be found in Appendix A. The fourth column in the matrix identifies the subject of the comment through the use of a coding system. The

subject coding allows for future sorting or listing of comments by subject, if necessary. A listing of all subject codes is provided for reference on the page preceding the summary of comments.

The comments are organized as follows:

Comment Nos.	Commentor
AC-1-1	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
AC-2-1	Caltrans
AC-3-1 and AC-3-2	City of Alhambra
AC-3-3	City of Azusa
AC-3-4	Southern California District Council of Carpenters
AC-3-5	Glendale Chamber of Commerce
AC-3-6	City of Long Beach
AC-3-6-1	County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, First District
AC-3-7	Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
AC-3-8 and AC-3-9	Los Angeles Unified School District
AC-3-10	City of Monterey Park
AC-3-11	Monterey Park Chamber of Commerce
AC-3-12	International Union of Operating Engineers
AC-3-13	Pasadena Transportation Management Association
AC-3-14	City of Pico Rivera
AC-3-15	Route 710 Mitigation Advisory Committee
AC-3-16	City of San Gabriel
AC-3-16-1 to AC-3-81	City of South Pasadena
AC-3-82	South Pasadena Unified School District
AC-4-1	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
AC-4-2	Automobile Club of Southern California
AC-4-3	Los Angeles/Orange Counties Building and Construction Trades Council
AC-4-4	Building Industry Association of Southern California
AC-4-5	California Preservation Foundation
AC-4-6	California Trucking Association
AC-4-7	Carpenters/Contractors Cooperation Committee, Inc.
AC-4-8	Central City Association of Los Angeles
AC-4-9	Friends of the Earth
AC-4-10	Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
AC-4-10-1 to AC-4-18	National Trust for Historic Preservation
AC-4-19	National Wildlife Federation
Comment Nos.	Commentor
AC-4-20 to AC-4-22	Neighbors Opposed to the 710 Freeway
AC-4-22-2 to AC-4-36	Neighborhood Action Committee
AC-4-37	The 710 Freeway Coalition
AC-4-38	Preservation Action
AC-4-38-1 to AC-4-40	Sierra Club
AC-4-41	Society of Architectural Historians/Southern California Chapter
AC-4-42	South Pasadena Animal Commission
AC-4-43 to AC-4-48	South Pasadena Preservation Foundation, Inc.
AC-4-49	Southern California Contractors Association, Inc.

AC-4-50 to AC-4-55-1	West Pasadena Residents Association (WPRA)
AC-4-56 to AC-4-60	Westridge School for Girls
AC-4-61	William C. Johnston and Associates
AC-6-1	CALAR Systems
AC-7-1 to AC-7-76	Comment Letters from Various Individuals
AC-8-1 and AC-8-2	Public Hearing Comments

List of Subject Codes

Subject Code	Subject
AL	Alternatives
AQ	Air Quality
BIO	Biological Resources
C/N	CEQA/NEPA Issues
CON	Construction Impacts
CH	Cultural/Historic
CIR	Circulation/Traffic
CUM	Cumulative Impacts
FI	Fiscal Impacts
FU	Funding
GEO	Geotechnical
HW	Hazardous Waste/Materials
HB	Housing/Business Relocation
LU	Land Use
MM	Mitigation Monitoring
NOI	Noise
NEI	Not EIR/EIS Issue
NR	No Response Necessary
OB	Objectives
OP	Opinion
PD	Project Description
PH	Public Health
PHA	Phasing
PS	Public Services & Utilities
PN	Purpose and Need
RD	Request for Data
TR	Transit
VIS	Visual Resources
WR	Water Resources
4F	Section 4(f)

ATTACHMENT

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